

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) Reinforcing fibres based on vegetable fibres whose elementary fibres are fibrillated, ~~comprising wherein~~ the elementary fibres have a fibril ~~content~~ fraction greater than 3 area per cent and less than 50 area per cent.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) Fibres according to claim 1, ~~comprising wherein~~ said fibres are based on flax, hemp, sisal, jute or ramie fibres.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) Reinforcing fibres comprising a mixture of fibres according to Claim 1 and fibrillated aramid fibres.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) Fibres according to Claim 3, ~~comprising wherein~~ the weight fraction of the vegetable fibres in said mixture is between 10% and 90%.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) Fibres according to Claim 3, ~~comprising wherein~~ the weight fraction of the vegetable fibres in said mixture is between 50% and 80%.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) Reinforcing fibres comprising a mixture of fibres according to Claim 1 and shives.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) Fibre according to claim 6, ~~comprising wherein~~ the weight fraction of the shives in said mixture is less than 10%.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) Fibre according to claim 6, ~~comprising wherein~~ the weight fraction of the shives in said mixture is between 25 and 75%.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) Additive for friction linings, containing fibres according to Claim 1 and tin sulphides.

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Claim 10 (Currently Amended) Additive according to claim 9, ~~comprising~~ wherein the weight fraction of the fibres in said additive is between 5 and 95% by weight.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) Friction lining, comprising fibres according to Claim 1.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) Friction lining according to claim 11, comprising tin sulphide ~~are~~ which is present in an amount of 0.5 to 90% by weight, based on the total amount of the lubricating materials.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) Gasket, comprising fibres according to Claim 1.

Claims 14-16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) Processing fibres based on vegetable fibres whose elementary fibres are fibrillated ~~comprising~~ wherein the elementary fibres ~~having~~ have a fibril ~~content~~ fraction greater than 3 area per cent and less than 50 area per cent.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) Processing fibres comprising a mixture of fibres according to claim 17 and fibrillated aramid fibres.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) Processing fibres comprising a mixture of fibres according to claim 17 and shives.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) Processing fibres according to claim 19, wherein the weight fraction of the shives in said mixture is between 25 and 75%.